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<p>BARI SI INT 23, Document 91, Folder 3: Xhafer DEVA: Pro-German and anti-Partisan, working with the Germans. Quisling in the Liberated Regions, DEVA has urged Albanians to join the Germans. A Sept. 1943, report says that he was head of a committee of 21 who called on the German general, Neubacher, in Tirana and said it had assumed responsibility for Govt of Albanian territory. On Nov. 4, 1943 he was appointed Minister of Interior. On Feb. 3, 1944, an attempt was made to assassinate him. On April 1, 1944, it was said that Figri DIKO had taken over the post of Minister of Interior, but there is some doubt of this. A Dec. 10 1943, report says that DEVA with 600 men was preparing to attack the Partisans in Krasnice (northeast) and had advanced as far as Tropoje. This was first knowledge that he was actually leading troops. A Dec 30, 1943 report says he was forced to leave the Scutari region because local feeling was strong against him.</p> <p>WASH CIA X-2 PIS 139: Yugoslav personalities, Dec. 1944: Albanian suspect</p> <p>WASH REG INT 19 JP 2350: 26 Oct. 44: Following men have left Tirana supposedly to Kosova or possibly to Germany: Xhalal Starovecka, Xhafer Deva, notorious Minister of Interior in the Mitrovitsa Cabinet, and Ali Aliaj</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXXXX 100-134-5.1 - 7 Nov. 49</p> <p>(F) Kossovars: There also is in Italy a group of Kossovars, inhabitants of Kossovo, which today is a part of the Yugoslav Federative State. After the collapse of the Yugoslav state in the spring of 1941, this region, which is inhabited mostly by Moslem Albanians, was annexed to Albania. The Kossovars who form this group are those who took active part in the defense of their land, on the side of the Italians and the Germans. Their aim is to see Kossovo incorporated in the Albanian state. A part of them sides with "Balli Kombetar", another is independent and under the leadership of Xhafer Deva, 55, from Kossovo, who has studied engineering in Germany. During the occupation he was Minister of Interior Affairs and collaborated closely with the Germans. He is energetic, takes responsibility and is ruthless and unscrupulous. He does not have influence in Albania proper (he is even hated by many) but has influence in Kossovo. He is a first the house of the kryezis. He is on good terms with the "Independent Bloc" and does not seem to be on bad terms with Zog.</p> <p>WASH X 2 INT 23, Document 21, Folder: Bari SAS 3191: Collaborators with Germans: Xhafer DEVA, a Moslem and Minister of Interior</p>					
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<p>WASH REG INT 157, IX 273, 9 May 1944: Info received from Tirana reports that Khafer DEVA is forming four battalions of mountain gendarms for work in the DIERA area against Allied personnel and partisans.</p> <p>WASH X 2 INT 46, Document 122, Folder ALB RSS 321.99: DOI: 16 Aug 1944: Political: The govt with the Zogist, Fiqri Dine, as Prime Minister and Acting Minister of the Interior has, to be sure, been formed, but it has not yet achieved its full complement. It includes Zogists, Albanian Fascist groups and a prince of Mirdite. Representatives from the Kosovo District and from South Albania (Balli Kombetar) are missing. German interests demand the return of the pro German Khafer Deva of Kosovo as Minister of the Interior. This demand meets with the strongest opposition and was accepted by the government only under the heaviest pressure. The Prince of Mirdite, whose father received the British and whose attitude is determined by British gold, is opposed.</p> <p>WASH X 2 INT 46, Document 1 & 2, ALB R & S 319. 1: Political: A self appointed committee known as the "Albanian National Committee" was formed on the fall of the Italian regime. This cte appointed an Albanian Provisional Executive with the consent of Dr. Franz Neubacher, German Special Commissioner for Southeast Europe. This Executive composed of Vehbi Frasheri, Khafer Deva, Mihal Zallari, Ibrahim Bicaku, Bedri Pajani and Eqrem Talhai, acted as a Provisional Govt from 8 Oct. 43 until the Natl Assembly, which it convoked, elected the Council of Regency.</p> <p>WASH X 2 INT 46, Document 36, Folder 321.99: Appointed Minister of Interior. Referred to as an Albanian irredentist from Kosova and an unknown name up to then in Albania.</p> <p>WASH X 2 INT 46 Document 3, Folder RAS 319.1 - Sept. 44: Since the fall of this Government, General FITZGER, of the SS, has taken over control of the country, with the assistance of such well known collaborationists as Khafer DEVA and Ibrahim BICAKU.</p> <p>WASH REG INT 19 GB 2976, DOI: 5 Dec. 1944: Para 3. It has been reported to source that Khafer DEVA while at Prizren told the Albanians who were with him to return to Alban and join the Partisans stating that he had made a mistake in supporting Germany and that Germany would lose the war. Shortly after this DEVA boarded a plane and left for Germany</p>					
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<p>ROME X 2 PTS 123, 2-2a 3936: Subject: Albanian Terrorists in Rome:</p> <p>Xhafer DEVA, German appointed Minister of the Interior, known as the killer of intellectuals and protector of criminals.</p> <p>ROME X- 2 PTS 97, 2-2a 4712: DOI: Prior 7 July 45: Demands for the arrest by the Allies of Albanian war criminals who are still at large in Italy have occurred again as a result of steady news of deaths in German concentration camps of many Albanian hostages. It has been reliably reported that the lists of the Albanians interned in Germany and massacred in Pristina and Belgrade were prepared partly by some of those evacuated to Bari in October 1944 but mainly by Xhafer Deva, Shalal Starevecka, and others who left Albanian with the Germans but who last spring departed from Vienna for Milan in order not to fall into Russian hands.</p> <p>77-0-1-140 PTFM 482 - 7 Oct. 49: Xhafer DEVA, a member of the NIB represents, with friends DRAGA, ALI, and Zhelal MITROVICA, the resistance movement of Kossovo. He was Minister of Internal Affairs during the German occupation in Albania.</p> <p>77-0-1-206y, FYTA 871 - 8 May 1950: The best known exponent of the Priaren League is Xhafer DEVA, minister of the Interior during the German occupation of Albania.</p> <p>76-0-1-301 - SYEM 199, SO-99313 Dept. of State 16 Jan 52 C-1: This paper contains some historical data on wartime developments in Kosmet which have hitherto been unpublished. However, the value of the report as a whole is almost invalidated by the chauvinistic anti-Yugoslav propaganda which is being distributed by Xhafer DEVA, Albania's No. 1 collaborator with the Gestapo during the war and his colleagues in the Second League of Priaren. While the report speaks of the atrocities committed by the Yugoslavs against the Kosovars, it is silent on similar acts committed by the SS Shovdenkey Division in Kosmet and the Kosovar Battalions.</p> <p>WASH REG INT 16 G 1503, 29 Jan 1944: Statements by Minister of Interior, Xhafer DEVA, regarding conditions in Kosova where he had recently visited. Statements made in an interview with editor of Tirana newspaper DASHKIMI i Kombit and published in edition of 18 Dec. 1943 (not included here as remarks not appropriate).</p> <p>BARI SI INT 24, August 44: Reliably informed that XHAFFER DEVA appointed Minister of Interior Aug 7th. Appears Germans insisted on appointment probably to ensure fulfillment Albanian side of a promise.</p>					
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<p>14.</p> <p>100-134-5.1-594 18 Jan 56: Suggested candidate (in advisory capacity) for formation of an Albanian group..</p> <p>RTIA 1454 (71-8-8-92) 10 May 1950: []'s report on subj (copy attached for file)</p> <p>MAVA 3552, 16 Sept 49: [] Project: [] , through his friend, DJAFER DEVA (former Albanian Minister of Interior) was brought in contact again with Ernesto KOLOQI.</p> <p>XIR 2077, 6 Apr 51 - Deva ZAFER, in Italy, leads group of 2 "KOSSOVISTS" or irredentist Albanians who advocate a union of the Kossovo region (Now Yugoslav) with Albania. Politically unimportant and few in number.</p> <p>OIR 18507 23 Jan 56: copy attached for file</p> <p>PTTA 1981 1 Nov 51: Casual mention; no information</p> <p>FGA 2923 8 Nov. 50: Subj listed as a Reference in PRQ Part I of Mehmet Osman AGA</p> <p>PIR 9771 - 21 June 51: DOI: 1951: French Intel Services in Italy Khafer DEVA, Chief of the Albanians from the Kossovo region works for B. DOC. ????? no way of knowing what this stands for</p> <p>OIZA 43 - 25 Nov 52: Interrogation of Jovan MEMA: Excerpt: In 1944 the interior situation in Albania was very bad. On 4 February Khafer DEVA, the Minister of Interior under German domination, killed eighty-four men in Tirana alone.</p> <p>MIR 500, 13 Feb 52: Refers to same matter as above in OIZA 43</p> <p>EQQA 80107: 19 July 56: List of Albanians specifically excluded from Albanian amnesty</p> <p>PIR 6990; 12 July 50 DOI: June 50 - Relations between the King, the leaders of the BEI and Yhafer DEVA have lately become very close.</p>					
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<p>WONDON X 2 PTS 36, Folder 12: Casual mention no pertinent info.</p> <p>NY FNB INT 1 - AL 92: Date of Origin: 21 November 1943, Notes on members of new Albanian Government. Govt comprises seven Mohammedans, one Orthodox and one Roman Catholic. Xhafer DEVA among the Mohammedans.</p> <p>NY FNB INT 1 - AL 106: Minister of Interior in Albania under German occupation in March 1944.</p> <p>SGIA 24815, 11 Feb. 57: Radio Tirana mentioned Xhafer DEVA is one of those individuals backed by American imperialists.</p>				
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<p>PBA-4276 - 33-7-4-38 - 7 Oct. 49: Para 6: Among the Albanians from the Kosovo (region) now abroad, serious differences in opinion and friction have been created. They are disputing the leadership of Albanian refugees who originated in the Kosovo. R. MIROVICA, who is at the Bari camp, and Xhafer DEVA who is in Rome, are laying claim to the leadership.</p> <p>WASH REG INT 19 JB 409: Sub-source recently heard from a high officer of the Albanian Gendarmerie that Xhafer Deva, Minister of Interior, is now in Belgrade to protest to the German commander of the Balkans these recent German orders for Albanian Gendarmes to cease action against the Partisans.</p> <p align="center">July 10, 1944</p> <p>WASH REG INT 157, gx 548: Cabinet Crisis: The cabinet crisis is still latent; Xhafer DEVA, Rexhep MIROVICA and Midhat FRASHERI are with the Germans</p> <p>WASH REG INT 19 GB 608: Newspaper demands revenge for attempt on life of Albanian Minister of Interior (Xhafer DEVA) by communists.</p> <p>2-130-2 30 Dec 1949: "Moreover, certain groups have already started to undermine the work of the Natl Cte in the U. S. particularly a part of the Independent Group. These former collaborators have attacked Said Kryeziu (in La Rivolta Ideale). Djafer Deva, Minister of Interior during the German occupation, is also undermining the Committee and has sent agents to Turkey to build up a following."</p> <p>WASH REG INT 157, GX 246: 5 May 1944 Para 3. On the 18th March a meeting took place between Xhafer DEVA, a German General and Dibra chiefs at Meqellare (3,96); present were Fiqri DINO, Sen ELEZI and Halil ALIA among others. A further meeting took place with Kosovar chiefs on March 22; DEVA not included in later group.</p> <p>WASH REG INT 159, JEX 34: Minister of Interior</p> <p>ROME X 2 PES 99, 2-2a-152: Cabinet Crisis, Para 3. The cabinet crisis is still latent; XHAFAER DEVA, REXHEP MIROVICA & MIDHAT FRASHERI are with the Germans: the rest are wavering. If the British Govt wish the Cabinet to fall, these three individuals should be denounced on the B.B.C. as Germany's tools and the names of the rest should be mentioned in a severe warning. MUSTAFA KRUJA and his colleagues would then probably take power.</p>			

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<p>14.</p> <p>SCAA 7207: 24 Nov. 1953: On list of Albanian Mohammedan Refugees in YUGOSLAVIA Greece</p> <p>PTTA 482/4 - 22 Sept. 59 - Subj: Personalities & Political Aims of the Albanian National Independent Bloc:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Zhafer DEVA, a member of the NIB, represents with DRAGA, ALI, and Zhelal MITROVICA, the resistance movement of Kosovo. He was minister of Internal Affairs during the German occupation of Albania.</p> <p>FX 994 - SODB 24734b 12 May 50: Subj: Free Albanian Activities:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Xhafer DEVA recently visited Greece & Syria. XXXX Source believes that Dosti believes the purpose of DEVA's trip to have been to see how many men he could recruit from among the Albanian refugees in those countries.</p> <p>PIR 4895 - 18 Oct 49 - Untranslated Italian report - Excerpt dealing with DEVA</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Una dubbia parte svolge ancora il "Quisling" albanese XHAFAER DEVA, il quale si trova oggi a Roma quale cittadino egiziano e si naschera sotto il nome di XHAFAER ISRAEM. All'epoca della resistenza al regime del maresciallo HITLER, il DEVA fu ministro degli interni in Albania e conosceva quale luogotenente de generale Iselle SCIFIZITI una possente polizia.</p> <p>PIR 9080 - 20 June 51 - Excerpt, portion where DEVA's name is mentioned; from untranslated Italian report which is considered highly unreliable...</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Quando a suo tempo Abbas Ermeni e Muharem Bariaktari arruolavano in Italia persone per costituire un gruppo di azione anticomunista da inviare in Albania, Ismail Verlasi, Fexhmedin Vrioni, Xhafer DEVA e altri apertamente discutevano di cio nei cafe romani.</p>					
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